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As an ordinary citizen, I'd like to express my views on the Microsoft Settlement. The issues which were raised and settled by the government have ended the need for more litigation or other remedies. With the economy in such a terrible state and with so many worse things going on, those 9 states that want to pursue Microsoft to a greater degree of punishment should find something else to do with their time and the taxpayers' money. The companies they are trying to protect should put more energy into producing something worthwhile and creating a better U.S. rather than destroying it by continuing litigation that simply reduces the economic vitality of Microsoft and the U.S.

It is truly a shame when a company that creates innovative products, like Microsoft, gets sued and pursued by everyone else who can't seem to do the same innovative things. Those other companies' inability to attract and keep the best and the brightest workforce is part of the problem. The sour grapes, whining, and continued attacks only continue to downgrade those companies like Microsoft who are successful. If those other companies had technology that could do the job as well, they'd have had no problem competing. They never listened to the needs of the consumer and now complain that we don't want to buy what they have to sell.

The public now has access to technology like never before and can communicate, work and pursue a quality of life because a company like Microsoft sought to bring better and better innovation into the marketplace. Moreover, Microsoft treats employees well and through its gifts to education creates jobs and better educated citizens. The Foundation that Bill Gate and his wife has created has done a great deal for education and children. It's too bad some of those special interests--companies that the 9 states are protecting couldn't do as much. It's time to end all this stuff and let the innovative companies innovate!! After all, innovation is what has made the United States the great country that it is. Get more from the Web. FREE MSN Explorer download : <http://explorer.msn.com>